

Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
National Hunger, Homeless, and Youth Homeless Awareness Month
November 2016**

- WHEREAS**, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness initiatives; and
- WHEREAS**, Congress officially declared November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month on July 11, 2007; and
- WHEREAS**, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons adults, youths, and children are hungry and homeless in both the city of Fort Lauderdale as well as Broward County; and
- WHEREAS**, there are many community organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services, and food to persons experiencing homelessness; and
- WHEREAS**, the Broward Homeless Continuum of Care is a “housing-focused” coalition of more than 45 organizations and government agencies that serve those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness; and
- WHEREAS**, the Continuum of Care and its partners recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem; and
- WHEREAS**, more than 2,300 individuals experience homelessness and hunger locally on a given day; and
- WHEREAS**, the Continuum of Care and its partners have committed to coordinate their efforts towards ending homelessness through “A Way Home,” Broward County’s annual plan to end homelessness; and
- WHEREAS**, the Continuum of Care and its partners play an important role in educating local governments to not implement practices and laws that make it more difficult for people experiencing homelessness to exist in our community and to instead implement a housing-focused system of care and seek alternative justice system strategies; and
- WHEREAS**, the intent of National Hunger, Homeless, and Youth Homeless Awareness Month is consistent with the federal strategic plan to end homelessness and the activities of local organizations that serve those experiencing hunger and homelessness; and
- WHEREAS**, the Continuum of Care and its partners encourage all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, government, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of **November 2016** as:

National Hunger, Homeless, and Youth Homeless Awareness Month

in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 15th day of November 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



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